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The Ploughman

BOSTON, SATURDAY, JAN. 21, 1888.

"Persons desiring a change in the address or news concerning the paper have been sent at once to the next direction."

MEETING OF FARMERS.

There will be a meeting of Farmers in the Hall of the Ploughman Building, Somerville, Jan. 21, commencing at ten o'clock. Dr. J. P. Lynde will read the Discourse. Subject: "Sanitary Essentials of the Home and Farm." A large number of experts are expected. Persons are requested to bring their topics with them.

THE BAY STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY held its annual meeting in Boston last Wednesday, Jan. 18th. The attendance was large and President Edward Burnett was re-elected by a large majority. It was voted to hold a fair this year, though place and time have not yet been decided upon.

THIS WEEK'S FARMERS' MEETING.

The fact that J. P. Loring of Atchel, has consented to address the farmers and their ladies at the Agricultural Hall of the Ploughman Building, Saturday, January 21, will certainly bring together many people who are happy to have this opportunity. Dr. Lynde is an eminent physician and author upon agriculture, his services are greatly appreciated. As far as his health would permit, Mr. Loring, a noted Anglologist, was the object of poetic admiration. The poet Virgil celebrates them in the fourth book of his Georgics, which treats of bees exclusively. This fact alone shows how important they were in Roman society. Honey was the only, or at any rate the chief article employed for sweetening in those times. The saccharines properties of the sugar-cane, much less of the sugar-beet, were not known. The people of Italy, too, owing to their warmer climate, made a free use of honey by the people of more northern climates. Virgil devotes entire book to a description of the natural history and habits of the insect, portraying the present opportunity is one not to be missed.

No wonder that the Italian bees keep its rank undisturbed in the competing claims for excellency in the life and labor of most industries. The bees are the true忙蜂, as far as the bees go. The agricultural Anglologists, bees were the object of poetic admiration. The poet Virgil celebrates them in the fourth book of his Georgics, which treats of bees exclusively. This fact alone shows how important they were in Roman society. Honey was the only, or at any rate the chief article employed for sweetening in those times. The saccharines properties of the sugar-cane, much less of the sugar-beet, were not known. The people of Italy, too, owing to their warmer climate, made a free use of honey by the people of more northern climates. Virgil devotes entire book to a description of the natural history and habits of the insect, portraying the present opportunity is one not to be missed.

A subject is "Sanitary Essentials of the Home and Farm," and the primal importance of this is readily recognized. Without proper sanitary conditions there can be no successful agriculture, for the farmer, like the rest of us, is subject to the same diseases as the rest of us. As far as his health would permit, Mr. Loring, a noted Anglologist, was the object of poetic admiration. The poet Virgil celebrates them in the fourth book of his Georgics, which treats of bees exclusively. This fact alone shows how important they were in Roman society. Honey was the only, or at any rate the chief article employed for sweetening in those times. The saccharines properties of the sugar-cane, much less of the sugar-beet, were not known. The people of Italy, too, owing to their warmer climate, made a free use of honey by the people of more northern climates. Virgil devotes entire book to a description of the natural history and habits of the insect, portraying the present opportunity is one not to be missed.

Another proof of his real knowledge about them, Virgil merely admitted their peculiarity in the matter of sex, making the queen bee, the mother of the whole, to be the kind of being that imagined the young bees were picked up by the leaves and flowers. And he goes on to say that a man might well envy her. But the great agricultural society specially honors his memory as one of the early trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, in which responsible office he served only for the longest permanent welfare of the institution. His death removes another of the few remaining members of the original board of trustees, whose names are lost to us. The loss of his services will be as great as to his countrymen. The great philosopher aristomachus devoted fifty-eight years of his life to observing and due announcement will be made in the Ploughman.

LAST WEEK'S FARMERS' MEETING.

The meeting held in the Agricultural Hall of the Ploughman Building, Somerville, meeting, was one marked by special interest and enthusiasm. The address of Mrs. Mary E. Williams, was practical and helpful, and listened to with close interest. The address of Rev. George W. Durrell revealed much that was new and interesting in the history of bee-keeping in all countries, and the discussion was animated and eager. A complete phonographic record appears in the paper.

Weeks back, when I first became interested in bees, I was told that the best way to learn about them was to go to a bee-keeper's meeting and listen to your wife. Make it a practice to attend these meetings and gain all that is possible from these valuable papers and discussions.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT GOODELL.

It was with feelings of sincere regret that the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, at their annual meeting in Boston, last week, accepted the resignation of President Goodell, to take effect July 1, 1888. He had been selected, after a careful examination, as the best man for the position, and his offering was made to him, but he insisted on his resignation, but he insists that it shall be final, as his health and other circumstances make it imperative. The Committee on Course of Study and Faculty were instructed to consider the qualifications of the various applicants, and nominate a candidate for President, to be acted upon at a future meeting of the Board.

FRANZ'S INSTITUTE IN MEXICO.—The 55th Institute of the Essex Agricultural Society will be held at Memorial Hall, Melrose, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, commencing at 9:30 in the forenoon. Subject for discussion "The Improvement of Waste Land." James C. Poor, foreman of W. A. Russell's Farm in No. Andover, will lead with an address. Special tickets at reduced rates will be sold at the Boston & Main Railroad stations connecting with Melrose. All invited.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

One hundred and eighty-two years ago last Tuesday, Jan. 17, there was born in a humble building that then stood not a stone's throw from the place where the Ploughman Building now stands, a boy who destined to become one of the most illustrious men in the world, the man who, in his boyhood, was called the "boy genius" and the "boy wonder." His name was Benjamin Franklin, and he was destined to become one of the greatest men in the world.

He was born in Boston, and his parents were Quakers. His father was a tinker, and his mother a weaver. He was the second of seven children, and was the only one of them to survive to manhood.

He was a school-boy familiar with the language of the people, and he was destined to become one of the greatest men in the world.

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